

"RUBE" LAYS BARE HIS MARITAL WOES

Eccentric Twirler Says With
Mae At Bat He Couldn't
Win.

MADE ONE HOMER WITH NEW SPOUSE

But She Cussed After Finishing
Circuit and the Trouble
Began.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 5.—"Rube" Waddell, hero of many a hard-fought battle on the baseball diamond, was neither hero nor umpire in his own home, according to his deposition in his divorce suit given recently before Notary Public C. T. Jarvis.

During the three years he was "pitching" for Mrs. Rube he was constantly "up in air," with the "bases full." In his own language he "put in one hell of a time."

Rube's strike-out record at home looks like his batting average in baseball. He said he married Mae Skinner in Lynn, Mass., in June, 1906, after an acquaintance of three days. And in just three days after the ceremony was performed he said he began to realize he could never win a "game" while she was at the "bat."

Rube's idea of a honeymoon, as described by himself, is somewhat novel. He testified he spent four nights a week during the first three weeks of his married life at the prizefights in Philadelphia and a part of his Sunday evenings playing pool.

Made a Homer.

Soon after his marriage Rube made a "home run," taking his wife with him to Butler, Pa., the home of his father and mother. Rube said he had an offer of \$50 to pitch a baseball game in Butler and wanted to accept it, but his wife objected and called him a terrible name. Then they quarreled.

"She cussed me and I cussed her," Rube said. "Then I took her to my mother. I told mother what my wife called me. She denied it. I got the family Bible—the good old family Bible that everybody has—and laid it on the table before my wife and said: 'Now will you put your hand on that Bible and say you didn't call me that name?'"

"And, would you believe me," Rube continued, "she did put her hand on that good book and swear she never called me the name. My father, who heard her call me the name, told her she was a liar."

This was a fair sample of Rube's married life, according to his own story. He would have been free three years ago, he said, if he could have raised \$50 to pay a lawyer's fee to get a divorce in Reading, Pa.

Gets Only \$300.

His wife agreed to let him have it then, he said, but he failed to get hold of Connie Muck, manager of the Philadelphia baseball club, by which he was then employed, and had to continue to wear the matrimonial yoke.

Rube, who has pitched two seasons for the Browns, is suing for divorce principally because he is afraid to go to Boston with the club. Mrs. Waddell lives in Waltham, Mass., and has a habit of having Rube arrested for non-support when he enters Massachusetts.

Mrs. Waddell is fighting the divorce suit. She employed Attorney George E. Mix to represent her, and promises to be on hand when the case is called before a circuit court umpire for final decision. She said she alimony and Rube doesn't want to pay it. He testified that President Hedges, of the St. Louis American League baseball club, pays him \$100 a month, making his board out of that, and that he doesn't get a cent more in bonuses.

GRID DEATH LIST CLAIMS ANOTHER

Newark Schoolboy Dies As Re-
sult of Being Kicked on
the Spine.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 5.—The name of a sixteen-year-old school boy, Floyd E. Huff, was added today to the long list of players who sacrificed their lives in football in the past season.

Huff played at quarter when his school met the Nutley High School team last October. He slipped in front of the high school fullback just as the latter was kicking the ball, and received the full force of the kick at the base of his spine. "Complication developed which caused his death."

Huff played out the game and refrained afterward from telling of his hurt, although he suffered continuously. A malignant tumor developed and the young athlete remained in agony until his death.

MITTMEAT.

Morris Harris may have a chance to box Jack Johnson at Baltimore on Friday night.

Western promoters want Sam Langford to go to Los Angeles to box Jim Flynn, and have made the Boston black a good offer.

Ad Wolgast has refused to fight Battling Nelson at San Francisco, and it looks as if the proposed bout between them is off.

Biz Mackey, of Cincinnati, and Fatsie Kline, of Newark, N. J., will meet in ten-round go at the Olympic A. C., Harlem, N. Y., on January 17.

Tommy Sullivan says his bad hand is coming around all right and he hopes to be able to box shortly. Sullivan is in good shape otherwise.

Jack Johnson wants \$25,000, win, lose, or draw, with Tommy Burns, and Battling Nelson wants \$20,000 for a six-round bout in Philadelphia. It looks like a hard winter for the promoters.

Joe Sieger is anxious for a go with Mickey Gannon, N. Y., will meet in five rounds, but he can't knock Joe Sieger out in fifty rounds.

HORSEMAN SAIL.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—James H. McCormick sails for Germany today on the Hamburg-American liner Kaiserin Augusta Victoria to take charge of Baron Oppenheim's race horses. He will be accompanied by Withers McCreery, who will act as his assistant. Milton Henry, the jockey, sails on the same boat. Henry will ride in France.

NEW BASEBALL DIRECTOR



J. MILLER KENYON,
Elected at Annual Meeting of Washington Club to Succeed Thomas L. Hume.

PRESENT BALL YARD HIGHLY DESIRABLE

Is Site Best Suited to Purpose If Club Can Complete
Deal—National Commission Forcing Two
Grave Problems.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

That the Washington baseball club would improve its plant when it learned definitely where it stood in regard to the future of the property has long been known, but even yet the affair is not entirely settled.

Ever since the present owners assumed control they have been planning to enlarge the grounds, and entirely rearrange the seating accommodations. The stands now on the lot were erected in such a hurry as a result of the confusion and bickering which followed the stormy days of Bill Dwyer's attempt to take the club that little thought was taken of the days to come, or even of the days that then were. The crudities of the park have been so obvious that they needed no comment beyond making the inconveniences as few as possible.

The prospects are that the Seventh street grounds will be retained, which would make a great hit with the public. One feature which makes baseball such a good drawing card in Washington is the excellent transportation facilities to the ball yard. It is only fair to say that on the whole the Washington street railway companies have the knack of getting a large crowd away from a baseball game down finer than any other city the writer has noted. It is seldom the attendance is underestimated. The stands now on the lot were erected in such a hurry as a result of the confusion and bickering which followed the stormy days of Bill Dwyer's attempt to take the club that little thought was taken of the days to come, or even of the days that then were. The crudities of the park have been so obvious that they needed no comment beyond making the inconveniences as few as possible.

We are still paying a quarter for six tickets, and are not plugging the game for the soulless corporations, but merely mention this transportation question to show why a reasonable baseball enthusiast would rather wait for the club to improve the present site than to fly to street car line he knows not of out along the Brightwood road, or some other distant locality.

Ben Minor is already looking around for a new ice cooler for the press box. "Rich for Ben!"

It was explained this morning that the situation of J. M. Kenyon on the board of directors of the Washington club for Thomas L. Hume was merely the result of Mr. Hume's business engagements, which have made it difficult for him to attend the meetings of the directors. Mr. Hume is one of the most ardent fans in our thriving community, and busily roots for the home team every day in the season.

President Noyes in Cuba, Manager McAleer on the Pacific coast, Secretary Minor speechless with a cold. Verily, these are dull, dead days in Washington baseball.

The action of the National Commission in regard to the case of John Kling will be of the utmost importance, if his case comes up at the meeting in Cincinnati today. Kling did not present a petition for reinstatement at the meeting this morning, and the only way the

question of his future can come before that august body is for a magnate to request his restoration to good standing. As has been pointed out, Mr. Charles W. Murphy, owner of the Chicago Cubs, to which Kling is bound under contract to reserve who merely refuses to report and violates no other baseball law. It is the weakest position the commission can take, and one it will have the greatest difficulty in maintaining. Innumerable situations might arise necessitating a ball player's quitting the game for a year or two, even if under reserve, to impose a four-year suspension on him for so doing might prove the way for so much injury that no civil court would hardly for a minute consider the rule equitable or necessary. Kling's complicated position by playing against outlaw teams. A suspension on that ground might stand, for courts are averse to interfering with the reasonable regulation of fraternal or business organizations, but mere failure to report is not going to prove sufficient ground for disqualifying a player. You can make a bet that the courts will presently decide this way should a player seek redress from them for the enforcement of the commission's rule as it now stands.

The national commission should be a little careful in the matter of passing drastic legislation.

If Billy Murray cannot enforce his contract with the Philadelphia National League club, we would like to inquire: Why is a contract and when? Murray's document was drawn up by shrewd lawyers in good faith on both sides, and was in good faith for three years. He is still owed \$1,500 on the first year and it has two more years to run. He is reported as appealing to the national commission against the direct abrogation of the document by the Philadelphia National League club. If the commission does not enforce his claim, the public will wonder why it exists, and, presuming the contract is as strong as it has been stated to be, why any man connected with baseball should be such an idiot as to waste time and money having contracts made with magnates. Legal documents between employees and employers would appear as huge jokes if Murray does not win, and, if a ball club repudiates such a binding obligation as the Philadelphia club has done, how much would a mere verbal obligation count for? Who would be the loser? The man who relies either upon the word of honor or the signed, sealed, and delivered papers of such a corporation would be crazy enough to bite the postoffice and be a menace to the public.

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PENN AND HARVARD MAY GET TOGETHER

Meeting of Swimming Teams
Taken to Indicate Ap-
proach of Peace.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—It seems now practically assured that Pennsylvania and Harvard will meet in swimming this winter, the first athletic competition of any sort between the two universities since the memorable break in 1905.

The Intercollegiate Swimming Association has scheduled the meet for Philadelphia on February 12, or Cambridge on February 22, leaving the final choice between these two dates to the universities themselves. In recent years one or the other has always forfeited rather than compete, but this year the two will come together.

Graduate Manager Garcelon, of Harvard, when interviewed at the meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association last week, said: "There is no reason why Harvard should not meet Pennsylvania in swimming. We will undoubtedly have a team on hand unless notified to the contrary by Pennsylvania. Our football schedule is already too hard for the scheduling of a game with Pennsylvania last, and one of the other branches of sport, Harvard will meet all who seem suitable rivals, and there is no reason to make an exception of Pennsylvania."

This puts the matter distinctly up to the Red and Blue. The swimmers themselves are very eager for the meet. The arrangement is that if Harvard can secure the pool of the Brookline Athletic Club for February 22, the meet will take place in Cambridge on that date. Otherwise it will be held in Philadelphia on February 12. It is thought that this yielding on the part of both universities is a prelude of a better feeling, which will result in the gradual resumption of relations between the two universities in all branches of sport.

WESTERN RUNNERS START WORK TODAY

A meeting of the candidates of the Western High School track team was held Monday last, and one of the largest squads in the history of the school reported. "Tat" Tanner, who is one of the best quarter-milers in the city, will captain the team. The squad takes its first workout this afternoon.

ROLLER IMPROVES.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Dr. R. F. Roller, the Seattle wrestler, is in no danger of blood poisoning, as was feared yesterday, and will be able to continue his tour of the country in a short time, according to a statement made by his physician at Mercy Hospital here today.

Clyde Milan will hardly hold out this year.

Should the Kling case come before the national commission later in proper form, it will present a serious problem. Kling originally refused to report to the Cubs because he had a disagreement with Murphy and because his private business in Kansas City than he could out of catching. The right to quit work is inadmissible in a free country, and it is extremely doubtful whether the commission will ever be able to make good on its rule suspending a player who is under contract to reserve who merely refuses to report and violates no other baseball law. It is the weakest position the commission can take, and one it will have the greatest difficulty in maintaining. Innumerable situations might arise necessitating a ball player's quitting the game for a year or two, even if under reserve, to impose a four-year suspension on him for so doing might prove the way for so much injury that no civil court would hardly for a minute consider the rule equitable or necessary. Kling's complicated position by playing against outlaw teams. A suspension on that ground might stand, for courts are averse to interfering with the reasonable regulation of fraternal or business organizations, but mere failure to report is not going to prove sufficient ground for disqualifying a player. You can make a bet that the courts will presently decide this way should a player seek redress from them for the enforcement of the commission's rule as it now stands.

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Neither Murray Nor Kling
Case Likely to Come Be-
fore Commission.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 5.—The national baseball commission went into session at 11 o'clock today. Contrary to expectations, the meeting will be devoid of any startling features. It was reported that Manager Billy Murray, of the Philadelphia club, would ask the commission to look into his claim against the Quakers. President Herrmann says no word has been received from Murray. Catcher Johnny Kling, of the Chicago Cubs, evidently means to stay out of baseball. He has not applied for reinstatement.

The commission meeting promises to be exceptionally brief. President Herrmann will read his annual report and after its adoption a president will be elected. Herrmann without doubt will succeed himself.

A few minor cases will receive the attention of the commission, after which that body will adjourn.

PENNSY ACCEPTS MICHIGAN APOLOGY

Directors of Athletic Association
Decide to Overlook Miller
Incident.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—In the first regular meeting of the new board of directors of Penn's Athletic Association, Michigan's apology over the unfortunate Jay Joy Miller incident was read and accepted. There was no finding other than friendship toward the Wolverines displayed by the board.

The election of Howard Kennedy Hill to the chairmanship of the track committee was ratified. William Innes Forbes was also sanctioned as chairman of the rowing committee, while Horace Mather Lippincott's election to the head of the committee on minor sports was ratified.

Since the football committee has not as yet organized, no action could be taken upon either the chairmanship of the committee, or the representative of the Red and Blue on the football rules committee.

NO SANTA ANITA RACES THIS YEAR

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 5.—Thomas H. Williams, president of the New California Jockey Club, has set at rest speculation as to whether a race meet will be attempted at Santa Anita Park this season, in a telegram, saying: "I do not think there is any chance of racing at Santa Anita this winter or spring."

CLABBY VS. LAVIN.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 5.—Jimmy Clabby, welterweight of Milwaukee, today was matched to meet Paddy Lavin, of Philadelphia, in a ten-round boxing contest at Buffalo on January 23.

It was this feat which attracted Connie Mack to Krause.

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SOX TO START WEST LATE IN FEBRUARY

Tip O'Neill, Advance Agent,
Has Completed Arrange-
ments for Spring Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Tip O'Neill, advance agent for the Chicago White Sox, who will make their spring training trip to California as usual this year, announced today that tentative dates have been arranged for them.

The White Sox special train of six cars will leave Chicago on February 25, and will be scheduled to reach San Francisco February 28. Just how the players will be split up then remains to be decided. Some of the older twirlers, together with Catcher Billy Sullivan, probably will be sent to one of the springs.

The Sox will then be split into two sections, one going to Los Angeles for games with the Angels and Vernon, and the other remaining in San Francisco.

Three games a week will be played with the coast leaguers, and the balance of the time the Easterners will be playing with interior teams.

For the first three days after their arrival the Sox will be practicing, but the exhibition games will commence either on Thursday or Friday, March 3 or 4.

The White Sox teams will change cities after a fortnight, and their last games in California will be played on Sunday, March 27, which will give them four weeks here.

The San Francisco players will be ordered to report for duty here on March 1. Possibly some of them will come on the White Sox special.

KRAUSE AND BURNS WILL BE COACHES

Noted Athletics' Pitcher to Teach
Collegians at St.
Mary's.

Pitcher Harry Krause, of the Athletics, and Catcher Eddie Burns, will coach the 1910 St. Mary's College (Phoenix) team.

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